

to a double-weighted sales tax formula and to, in effect, modify LB 772 and what about LB 773, the state income tax proposal? We already have in LB 94 a revision of LB 773. That was part of the tax package. Now we have an increase in the standard deduction that is pending. Now we're talking about an increase in the cigarette tax, an increase in the pickle card tax, those are being revised, but where does LB 775 stand? We have some minor modifications here but I think LB 775, as you all know, is a fundamentally flawed bill. I think it has a tax policy that is unwise, that it was unwise for our state to pass that particular bill last year because what are the projections right now that have been given to us about the tax revenues lost when LB 775 was passed? The recent estimates that I reviewed for the...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Excuse me, Senator McFarland. (Gavel.) Go ahead.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the '87-88 fiscal year it is estimated that we will lose approximately eight to \$10 million because of LB 775. In the next fiscal year, '88-89, it is estimated we will lose between 18 to \$21 million and the year after that another \$20 million because of 775. Look at the poll that I passed around. I thought the results of that poll were quite interesting. The people of Nebraska who responded have no idea what 775 is doing. Fifty-two percent of them either believe it is too soon to tell or they don't even know what is happening with LB 775. I think it's significant, almost twice as many feel that 775 is not very effective, 18 percent compared to the 10 percent who feel it is very effective, but that, I believe, is just speculation on their part. The reason is no one knows exactly what the consequences of LB 775 are because we have no accurate reporting mechanism to determine what the effects and ramifications of it are.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: I would urge you to bring Senator Wesely's bill to the floor for debate because I believe the people have the right to know. Don't the people have the right to know what the effects of this bill are? Isn't public disclosure something that we want to happen on the floor of this Legislature? In my belief, people do have the right to know, they have a right to know what LB 775 is costing them and how long it will be before